



11/20/02

HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, DC 20231, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW.

BY: 18 november 2002

DATE: Stephen A. Fuller

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

DEC 04 2002

RECEIVED

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re:	Patent Application of Peter James Watts	: Group Art Unit: 1616
Conf. No.:	1775	:
Appln. No.:	09/269,903	: Examiner: Frank I. Choi
Filed:	May 6, 1999	:
Title:	COLONIC DELIVERY OF WEAK ACID DRUGS	: Attorney Docket No.: 10774-40US (P-0093)

AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is provided in response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2002 (Paper No. 25), received in the above-identified patent application. This response is timely filed on November 18, 2002 (as November 16, 2002 was a Saturday), in view of the Petition for Extension of Time up to and including November 18, 2002, supplied herewith.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 54 and 55 to read as follows:

E1 SUB A

54. (Amended) The method of claim 50, wherein the composition is coated with an enteric layer that dissolves within the small intestine to allow exposure of the membrane to a liquid of the terminal ileum or colon.